

**CLAIMS****What Is Claimed Is:**

1. An individualized learning method, comprising:  
storing a document in a storage medium of a device;  
displaying the document;  
generating a modification to the displayed document created by a user of the device,  
wherein the modification is displayed to the user as an integral part of the document;  
storing the modification separate from the document in the storage medium so that the  
modification can be separately categorized, searched, and retrieved; and  
correlating the document and the modification.
2. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the device is one of  
a personal computer, a laptop computer, a tablet PC, and a PDA.
3. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the documents  
comprise textbooks, novels, magazines, newspapers, homework, pictures, diagrams or  
sketches, audio, or video, printed or digital.
4. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 1, wherein a modification is at  
least one of a note, a highlighted text, a highlighted picture, a highlighted diagram, a specific  
category of notes, a specific category of highlights, a link to one or more definitions, formulae  
in notes, proofs explored in notes, personal drawn pictures created in notes, and personal  
drawn diagrams created in notes, audio notes, and video notes.
5. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising  
categorizing the document wherein said categorizing the document is performed in one of: an  
automatic mode in which the document is automatically categorized, and a manual mode in  
which data is received from a user that identifies a category that the document is correlated  
with.

6. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising categorizing a modification wherein said categorizing of the modification is performed in one of: an automatic mode in which the modification is automatically categorized, and a manual mode in which data is received from a user that identifies a category that the modification is correlated with.
7. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the storage medium includes a plurality of documents and a plurality of modifications stored thereon.
8. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 17, further comprising generating a personalized summary of an experience based on the categorization of one or more types of modifications made to the documents.
9. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 8, wherein the experience includes education experience gained from activities including a course of study, a course learning in a class, and/or other learning means in a formal and/or an informal nature.
10. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the documents comprise materials include textbooks, historical, literary and scientific sources, both primary and secondary, reference materials, articles, pictures, sketches, homework, notes, picture diagrams, formulae, previous tests, projects, assignments, third party commentary, or newspapers, whether audio or video, digital, printed or hand written.
11. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising linking a modification to a resource.
12. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 11, wherein the resource comprises language dictionaries, thesauri, writing style references, encyclopedias, famous quotation references, tables of absolute data, or dynamic formulas.

13. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 11, wherein the resources include an external resource.
14. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the document is a text document and the modification is a note.
15. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 14, wherein the note is one of a margin note, pointer note, and interlinear note.
16. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising receiving a second modification to a second document, wherein the second modification is made to the second document by another user on another device.
17. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 16, further comprising correlating a third document, identical to the second document, with the second modification, and simultaneously displaying the third document and the second modification, wherein the second modification is displayed as an integral part of the third document.
18. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising receiving a personalized summary of an experience developed by another user on another device.
19. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 18, wherein the experience includes education experience gained from activities including a course of study, a course learning in a class, and/or other learning means in a formal and/or an informal nature.
20. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising converting the document that is in an audio form into a transformed document that is in a text form.
21. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising translating the document in a first language into a document in a second language to produce

a translated document, wherein the document in the first language and the document in the second language are forms including audio, text, symbolic and scientific.

22. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 6, further comprising generating an outline of the document based on the modifications made to the document.

23. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 22, wherein the categorized modifications form a hierarchy in which the categorized modifications are organized in a nested fashion.

24. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 23, wherein the outline is generated based on at least one hierarchy of categorized modifications.

25. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 24, wherein the outline is a modification made to the document.

26. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising generating a review of the document based on modifications made to the document.

27. An individualized learning method as recited in Claim 26, wherein the review includes test questions.

28. An individualized learning system, comprising:  
means for storing a document in a storage medium of a device;  
means for displaying the document;  
means for generating a modification to the displayed document created by a user of the device, wherein the modification is displayed to the user as an integral part of the document;

means for storing the modification separate from the document in the storage medium so that the modification can be separately categorized, searched, and retrieved; and

means for correlating the document and the modification.

29. An individualized learning system enabling a user to develop personalized summaries of experiences that may be shared with other users, the system comprising:

a device comprising

- (a) a monitor for content display;
- (b) a memory for storing a plurality of documents, modifications to the documents, categorizations of the documents and the modifications, and personalized summaries; and
- (c) a processor in communication with the memory, wherein the processor is operative to
  - (i) store a document in the memory of the device;
  - (ii) display the document on the display screen of the device;
  - (iii) generate a modification to the displayed document created by a user of the device, wherein the modification is displayed to the user as an integral part of the document;
  - (iv) store the modification separate from the document in the storage medium so that the modification can be separately categorized, searched, and retrieved; and
  - (v) correlate the document and the modification.

30. An individualized learning system as recited in Claim 29, where content display includes displaying a document, and modification to a document, and a personalized summary.

31. A method for providing an individualized document list over a data network, comprising:

storing a plurality of documents in a storage medium of a device, wherein the plurality of documents relate to one or more experiences of a user;  
categorizing the plurality of documents based on the one or more experiences;  
generating a personalized summary of one of the one or more experiences; and  
transmitting the personalized summary to a device over the data network.